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Serial Number 09/816148

PATENT APPLICATION
Navy Case No. 79597

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In re application of: Lucas et al.

Serial Number 09/816,148

Examiner: Walter Benson

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Group Art Unit 2858

For: CORROSION SENSOR/ DATA LOGGER SYSTEM

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND COMMENTARY

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This telephone interview with the SPE Nancy Le of Art Unit 2858 was initiated by the Office of General Counsel of the United States Navy on behalf of the applicant.

The Supervisory Primary Examiner (hereinafter SPE) Nancy Le of Art Unit 2858 stated the following during the telephone interview with Navy Attorney John G. Mills (hereinafter applicant's attorney) on September 15, 2003:

1. In response to the applicant's attorney's question about the use of the cancelled claims in the restriction, the SPE stated that the Examiner was correct in using these claims 1-35 because these claims were previously presented and despite their cancellation, they can be used to make a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-35) and Group II (claims 36-53).

2. In response to the applicant's attorney's question about the classification of the claims to show a separate status in the art which was not stated in the office action, the SPE stated that

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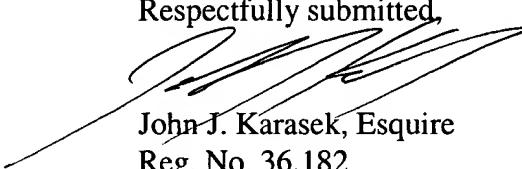
classification of the claims in the two groups could be learned by speaking to the Examiner.

3. In response to the applicant's attorney's question regarding the amendment being only a change in scope of the claims, the SPE stated that the applicant is not permitted to change the scope of the claims by amendment.

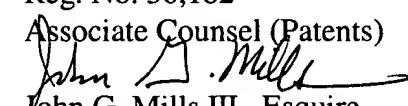
4. In response to the applicant's attorney's question regarding what action to take at this junction since there are no claims left in the case i.e. claims 1-35 having been cancelled and claim 36-53 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, the SPE stated that the applicant was free to file a petition.

In summary, these four points are the attorney, John G. Mills' best recollection of the telephone interview and the reasons for this interview. Although Mr. Karasek was not present during the interview, he is aware of its substance and is assisting in preparing the response to the outstanding office action in the case.

Respectfully submitted,


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